

To: Kiefer, Linda[Kiefer.Linda@epa.gov]
From: Guy, Kerry
Sent: Thur 8/13/2015 5:15:19 PM
Subject: RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

I don't think so. We are dealing with emergency response to manage AMD from going into the river---which is exactly what we are actively trying to do up at the spill. ----- I think by time we proceed with procuring a rig and getting set up the irrational panic will subside.

From: Kiefer, Linda
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:14 AM
To: Guy, Kerry
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Kerry,

Did you see this? Does it affect us drilling a well?

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From: Murray, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Saenz, Armando; Nelson, Barbara; Pennock, Betty; Progeess, Christina; Coursen, Robin; Zinner, Dania; Rathke, David; Fagen, Elizabeth; Waterman, Erna; Costanzi, Frances; Hargreaves, Greg; Powell, Jodi; Jenkins, Joy; Johnson, Karren; Cerise, Kathryn; Wangerud, Ken; Fiedler, Kerri; Sims, Leslie; Kiefer, Linda; Jensen, Carol; Mario Robles; Aguilar, Mark;

Michael Holmes; Cirian, Mike; Smith, Patricia; Schmittdiel, Paula; Thomas, Rebecca; Stites, Rob; Forrest, Sabrina; Garcia, Sam; Bourgeois, Sandra; Winters, Scott; Christensen, Stanley; Wharton, Steve; Moritz, Vera

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All,

I will be on a call with Jim Woolford and the other 9 regions at 2:30p to get a clarification as to which activities can continue and which need to temporarily cease. I'll let you know what I find out. This could impact a lot of our projects.

Bill

From: McGrath, Shaun

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 10:40 AM

To: Hestmark, Martin; Murray, Bill; Vranka, Joe; DalSoglio, Julie; Stavnes, Sandra

Cc: Thomas, Deb; Card, Joan

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Please take the steps to comply with the email below immediately.

Shaun

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Administrator/Ex. 6
Date: August 12, 2015 at 9:51:16 AM MDT
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Cc: "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Stanislaus, Mathy"

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Good morning everyone,

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

If you have questions or wish to discuss a particular situation please reach out to Mathy.

Thank you.